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1983-1987 Annual Average Comparisons for Five Metropolitan Statistics Areas

The Nashville MSA experienced the lowest 1987 annual average unemployment rate among the metropolitan statistical areas, 4.4 percent. The number of nonagricultural jobs rose substantially during the five year period. Job gains in the Nashville MSA totaled 90,000, an increase of 23.6 percent from 1983 to 1987. Employment increased in every major industry except finance, insurance, and real estate. The largest growth rates occurred in construction at 44.6 percent and services at 34.8 percent. One third of the total employment increase occurred in services (31,500).

The Memphis MSA's 1987 annual average unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, down four percentage points from 1983. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 18.4 percent or 65,500 jobs over the five year period. The largest growth rates occurred in construction at 41.0 percent and transportation, communication, and utilities at 41.2 percent. Over half of the new jobs created during the five year period were in trade (19,100) and services (16,800).

The Chattanooga MSA's 1987 unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, down 4.5 percentage points from 1983. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 12.9 percent or 21,500 jobs over the five year period. Construction experienced the largest growth rate at 43.9 percent. Almost sixty percent of the new jobs created occurred in trade (6,900) and services (5,800).

The 1987 annual average unemployment rate for the Knoxville MSA was 6.5 percent, down 5.3 percentage points from the 1983 rate. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 11 percent or 24,700 jobs over the five year period. Every major industry experienced an increase in employment except finance, insurance, and real estate which decreased by one percent. The largest growth rates occurred in the transportation, communication, and utilities industry

at 24.1 percent and in the trade industry at 21.9 percent. Forty-five percent of the new jobs created occurred in trade (11,300).

The Tri-Cities MSA's 1987 annual average unemployment rate of 6.7 percent was the highest among the metropolitan statistical areas. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 11.9 percent

or 16,900 jobs over the five year period. Every major industry experienced an increase in employment except transportation, communication, and utilities which decreased by 3.2 percent. The largest growth rates occurred in trade at 22.6 percent and services at 26.2 percent. Employment growth in the trade and services industry accounted for 74 percent of the new jobs created over the five year period.

1983-1987 ANNUAL AVERAGE COMPARISONS

(in thousands)

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

	Chattanooga		Knoxville		Memphis		Nashville		Tri-Cities	
	1983	1987	1983	1987	1983	1987	1983	1987	1983	1987
Labor Force	195.4	206.1	275.2	282.5	397.9	442.4	449.2	521.2	205.4	214.9
Employment	175.4	194.4	242.7	264.2	359.5	417.2	412.8	498.3	183.8	200.4
Unemployment	20.0	11.7	32.5	18.3	38.4	25.2	36.4	22.9	21.6	14.5
Unemployment Rate	10.2	5.7	11.8	6.5	9.7	5.7	8.1	4.4	10.5	6.7
Total Nonagricultural Employment	166.2	187.7	224.1	248.8	355.7	421.2	380.6	470.6	142.5	159.4
Manufacturing	43.3	45.3	48.2	50.3	51.4	52.3	80.1	89.7	51.1	53.4
Nonmanufacturing	122.9	142.4	175.9	198.5	304.3	368.9	300.5	380.9	91.4	106.0
Contract Construction	5.7	8.2	9.8	11.8	13.9	19.6	19.3	27.9	5.7	6.5
Transportation, Communication, and Utilities	7.2	8.6	7.9	9.8	27.4	38.7	20.0	23.1	6.2	6.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	36.6	43.5	51.7	63.0	97.8	116.9	89.9	115.2	29.2	35.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	9.8	11.9	9.6	9.5	20.3	24.3	26.6	23.3	4.6	5.3
Services	31.1	36.9	47.7	51.6	8.1	97.9	83.3	114.8	22.5	28.4
Government	31.4	32.8	47.3	50.8	63.7	71.4	60.8	66.0	23.0	23.8
All Other Nonmanufacturing	1.1	0.8	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2

THE NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

The new immigration law affects all employers and workers in the United States! The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) now requires employers to insure that every new employee provides certain proof of employment eligibility before hiring.

A reference guide, Handbook For Employers, is available to assist you in fully understanding your responsibilities under the new law.

The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is attempting to contact as many employers as possible to inform them about IRCA.

If you wish to receive a Handbook For Employers, or need further information please write to: Officer in Charge, U.S. Immigration And Naturalization Service, 830 Federal Building, 167 N. Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103. Please refer to this number when writing to this office: INV/RK

Would you/your company like a personal visit from an Immigration Officer? YES ☐ NO ☐
If yes, please provide name and phone number of person to be contacted: _____

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ TYPE OF BUSINESS _____

COMPANY OWNER/OFFICIAL _____

YOUR NAME/TITLE _____

EMPLOYEES _____ DATE _____

COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

COUNTY	FEBRUARY		COUNTY	FEBRUARY	
	1988	1987		1988	1987
ANDERSON	4.4	7.5	LAUDERDALE	9.1	9.9
BEDFORD	6.0	9.3	LAWRENCE	9.4	13.9
BENTON	9.2	15.7	LEWIS	7.5	17.2
BLEDSON	5.8	7.4	LINCOLN	5.9	7.0
BLOUNT	6.6	8.3	LOUDON	6.6	10.1
BRADLEY	5.7	7.8	MACON	8.3	9.6
CAMPBELL	12.7	18.5	MADISON	7.0	9.0
CANNON	8.6	9.4	MARION	10.8	14.5
CARROLL	11.3	17.8	MARSHALL	6.9	6.3
CARTER	6.8	11.5	MAURY	7.4	9.4
CHEATHAM	5.2	4.8	MCMINN	6.7	9.2
CHESTER	6.8	7.7	MCNAIRY	11.2	13.8
CLAIBORNE	9.3	10.1	MEIGS	10.5	10.8
CLAY	5.5	5.1	MONROE	7.7	10.0
COCKE	18.6	21.9	MONTGOMERY	6.4	7.3
COFFEE	6.7	8.2	MOORE	6.6	7.0
CROCKETT	9.2	16.7	MORGAN	9.1	13.7
CUMBERLAND	10.3	12.1	OBION	7.4	8.7
DAVIDSON	4.2	4.2	OVERTON	10.9	14.7
DECATUR	10.9	14.9	PERRY	8.0	16.3
DEKALB	7.6	8.8	PICKETT	14.1	25.5
DICKSON	8.9	7.6	POLK	16.9	11.7
DYER	8.1	11.1	PUTNAM	7.3	9.1
FAYETTE	9.5	8.6	RHEA	11.4	9.9
FENTRESS	12.9	15.2	ROANE	5.7	7.0
FRANKLIN	6.0	7.3	ROBERTSON	6.9	7.3
GIBSON	10.1	13.1	RUTHERFORD	4.9	4.4
GILES	8.9	11.3	SCOTT	12.5	20.0
GRAINGER	9.3	9.3	SEQUATCHIE	7.3	9.5
GREENE	12.9	12.2	SEVIER	20.9	23.6
GRUNDY	9.9	15.3	SHELBY	5.0	5.9
HAMBLIN	8.2	9.5	SMITH	7.7	8.5
HAMILTON	4.9	6.2	STEWART	7.5	7.3
HANCOCK	6.9	8.8	SULLIVAN	5.8	6.3
HARDEMAN	9.4	10.9	SUMNER	6.2	6.4
HARDIN	11.1	11.8	TIPTON	7.1	9.9
HAWKINS	6.4	7.6	TROUSDALE	6.4	6.6
HAYWOOD	9.5	15.8	UNICOI	10.2	11.9
HENDERSON	9.4	13.1	UNION	6.9	8.8
HENRY	13.2	14.0	VAN BUREN	7.6	12.9
HICKMAN	8.4	9.1	WARREN	7.7	12.2
HOUSTON	10.9	15.2	WASHINGTON	6.0	6.9
HUMPHREYS	15.1	20.0	WAYNE	9.3	12.9
JACKSON	9.0	9.2	WEAKLEY	5.0	8.5
JEFFERSON	9.1	10.2	WHITE	7.6	11.4
JOHNSON	15.9	15.0	WILLIAMSON	3.7	3.3
KNOX	4.4	5.7	WILSON	7.3	6.8
LAKE	10.4	14.3			

TENNESSEE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	February 1987				Revised January 1988				Preliminary February 1988			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
U. S. ^{1/}	117,967,000	109,464,000	8,503,000	7.2	119,742,000	112,139,000	7,603,000	6.3	119,942,000	112,460,000	7,482,000	6.2
TENNESSEE ^{2/}	2,292,200	2,112,500	179,700	7.8	2,368,200	2,202,400	165,800	7.0	2,370,700	2,222,800	155,900	6.6
MSAs												
CHATTANOOGA	203,000	189,800	13,200	6.5	209,000	196,300	12,700	6.1	210,600	198,900	11,700	5.6
JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND BRISTOL	209,800	194,200	15,600	7.4	220,300	204,900	15,400	7.0	221,800	206,900	14,900	6.7
KNOXVILLE	275,800	253,000	22,800	8.3	282,300	262,500	19,800	7.0	282,600	264,000	18,600	6.6
MEMPHIS	426,300	398,900	27,400	6.4	452,100	425,800	26,300	5.8	456,000	431,400	24,600	5.4
NASHVILLE	520,500	495,500	25,000	4.8	516,900	491,300	25,600	5.0	519,200	493,600	25,600	4.9

^{1/} Error range for these estimates is plus or minus 0.2 percentage points.

^{2/} Error range for these estimates cannot be computed.

Tennessee's preliminary unemployment rate for February was 6.6 percent, down four-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month and was the lowest February rate since 1974.

The February rate was 1.2 percent lower than the 7.8 percent of a-year-ago. This was the seventeenth consecutive month that the unemployment rate has been lower than the corresponding month of the previous year. Tennessee came within four-tenths of a percentage point of the national unemployment rate of 6.2 percent. Employment increased in Tennessee by 5.2 percent over February a-year-ago while nationally it only grew by 2.7 percent.

From February 1987 to February 1988, manufacturing has increased by 10,900 jobs with an increase of 3,600 jobs in apparel, 2,900 in furniture/fixtures, 2,000 in electronic machinery and 1,400 increase in the rubber industry. Tennessee's growth in manufacturing, especially apparel and electrical machinery, can be attributed to increased demands in exports.

The largest portion of the job growth continues to be in nonmanufacturing which accounted for an increase of 72,200 jobs. Trade was up by 18,300 with one-third of this growth in eating and drinking places. Services were up by 23,300 with almost half of the new jobs occurring in the health and business services sectors.

Williamson County reported the lowest unemployment rate at 3.7 percent, down from 3.9 percent in January. Sevier County at 20.9 percent, down slightly from the January rate of 22.3 percent, registered the highest state unemployment rate. The high unemployment rate in Sevier County is attributed to seasonal changes in the tourist industry.

The decline in the unemployment rate was widespread across the state with 73 counties reporting a decrease, 14 counties increasing, and eight counties remaining the same.

STATEWIDE

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	FEBRUARY 1987	JANUARY 1988	FEBRUARY 1988	Net Change	
				FEB. 1987 to	JAN. 1988 to
				FEB. 1988	FEB. 1988
TOTAL	1944.6	2019.8	2027.7	83.1	7.9
Manufacturing	488.2	498.0	499.1	10.9	1.1
Durable Goods	241.0	245.2	246.5	5.5	1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	19.6	20.1	20.2	0.6	0.1
Furniture & Fixtures	24.2	26.7	27.1	2.9	0.4
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	15.2	14.6	14.6	-0.6	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	16.1	15.8	15.7	-0.4	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	39.8	40.0	39.9	0.1	-0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	37.4	37.5	38.3	0.9	0.8
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	34.7	36.6	36.7	2.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	34.2	33.4	33.3	-0.9	-0.1
Instruments & Related Products	9.2	9.3	9.4	0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.6	11.2	11.3	0.7	0.1
Nondurable Goods	247.2	252.8	252.6	5.4	-0.2
Food & Kindred Products	38.2	38.7	38.5	0.3	-0.2
Meat Products	7.7	8.0	8.2	0.5	0.2
Dairy Products	2.8	2.7	2.7	-0.1	0.0
Tobacco Products	1.8	2.3	1.9	0.1	-0.4
Textile Mill Products	23.7	23.7	23.6	-0.1	-0.1
Knitting Mills	11.7	11.6	11.7	0.0	0.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.1	0.1
Apparel Products	62.0	65.7	65.6	3.6	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	17.9	17.7	18.1	0.2	0.4
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Indus.	33.4	33.1	33.4	0.0	0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	36.8	36.9	-0.6	0.1
Petroleum Refining & Related Indus.	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.0
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	23.1	24.5	24.5	1.4	0.0
Leather & Leather Products	8.8	9.4	9.3	0.5	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	1456.4	1521.8	1528.6	72.2	6.8
Mining	6.6	6.2	6.3	-0.3	0.1
Construction	86.1	92.8	93.7	7.6	0.9
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	99.8	104.9	105.3	5.5	0.4
Trade	454.2	475.1	472.5	18.3	-2.6
Wholesale Trade	120.7	126.1	126.2	5.5	0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	68.7	70.7	71.0	2.3	0.3
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	52.0	55.4	55.2	3.2	-0.2
Retail Trade	333.5	349.0	346.3	12.8	-2.7
Building Materials & Garden Supp.	13.6	14.2	14.2	0.6	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	48.7	51.4	50.2	1.5	-1.2
Food Stores	56.5	58.5	58.1	1.6	-0.4
Automotive Dirs. & Serv. Stations	40.0	42.3	42.2	2.2	-0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	18.6	18.0	17.5	-1.1	-0.5
Furniture & Home Furnishings	13.4	13.6	13.7	0.3	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	103.9	110.1	110.0	6.1	-0.1
Miscellaneous Retail	38.8	40.9	40.5	1.7	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	99.0	101.2	101.6	2.6	0.4
Banking	27.2	27.9	28.1	0.9	0.2
Insurance Carriers	24.3	24.7	24.7	0.4	0.0
Services	388.4	408.8	411.9	23.5	3.1
Hotels & Other Lodging	25.6	26.0	26.3	0.7	0.3
Personal Services	25.5	26.2	26.1	0.6	-0.1
Business Services	80.8	84.5	85.6	4.8	1.1
Health Services	128.6	133.9	134.1	5.5	0.2
Hospitals	62.7	65.5	65.5	2.8	0.0
Government	322.4	332.8	337.3	14.9	4.5
Federal	83.4	83.4	84.3	0.9	0.9
State & Local	259.0	269.4	272.9	13.9	3.5
State	73.3	74.3	76.4	3.1	2.1
Local	185.6	195.1	196.5	10.9	1.4

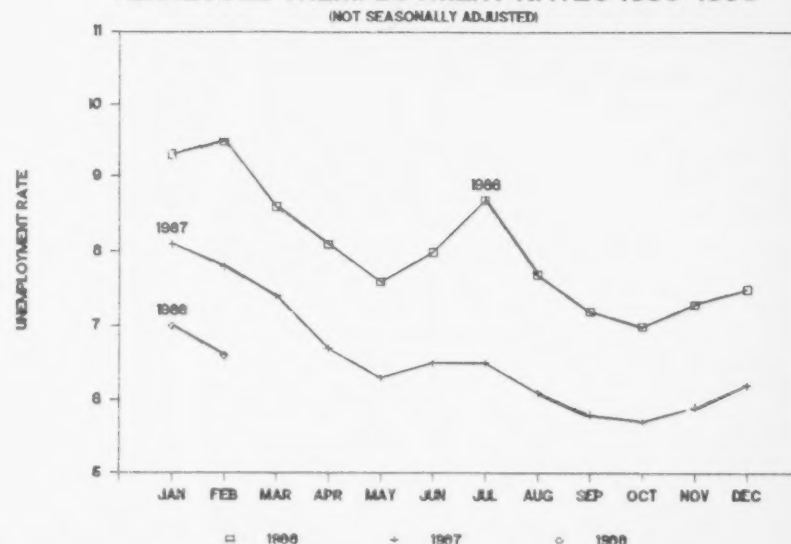
*Data include all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

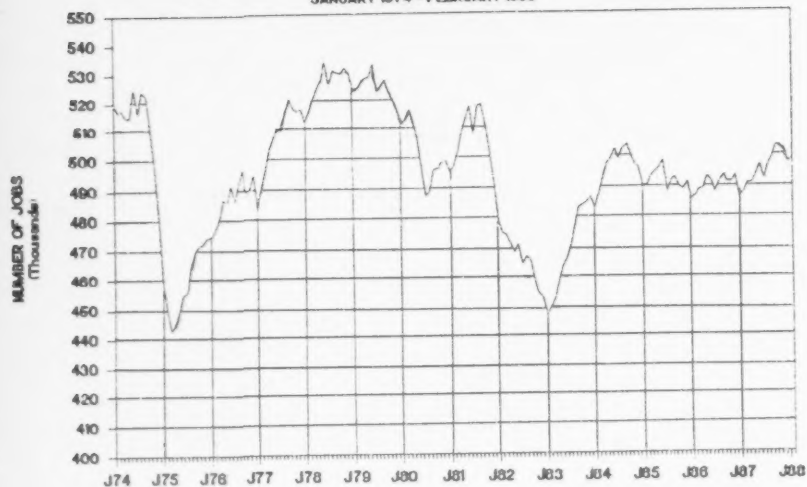
	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
All Manufacturing	365.29	379.99	360.33	41.7	42.6	40.9	8.76	8.92	8.81
Durable Goods	391.77	414.64	383.57	41.9	43.6	41.2	9.35	9.51	9.31
Lumber & Wood Products	240.00	238.61	229.82	40.0	38.3	37.8	6.00	6.23	6.08
Furniture & Fixtures	331.43	292.43	265.24	41.9	39.2	37.2	7.91	7.46	7.13
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	535.00	539.46	542.68	46.2	43.4	43.8	11.58	12.43	12.39
Primary Metal Industries	479.36	518.31	499.82	42.8	44.3	43.2	11.20	11.70	11.57
Fabricated Metal Products	393.71	425.92	402.70	41.4	44.0	42.3	9.51	9.68	9.52
Machinery	373.33	424.01	389.08	41.9	45.3	42.2	8.91	9.36	9.22
Instruments & Related Prod.	355.92	409.85	384.85	40.4	49.8	46.2	8.81	8.23	8.33
Nondurable Goods	337.41	345.28	337.81	41.4	41.6	40.7	8.15	8.30	8.30
Food & Kindred Products	348.25	381.50	372.75	40.4	43.7	42.6	8.62	8.73	8.75
Textile Mill Products	289.20	287.04	283.44	43.1	41.6	40.9	6.71	6.90	6.93
Apparel Products	207.65	212.98	198.92	38.1	38.1	36.3	5.45	5.59	5.48
Paper & Allied Products	473.92	524.25	508.73	43.8	46.6	45.1	10.82	11.25	11.28
Chemical & Allied Prod.	441.31	482.98	471.33	40.9	43.2	42.5	10.79	11.18	11.09
Rubber & Miac. Plastics	423.07	454.26	435.56	45.2	45.7	43.6	9.36	9.94	9.99
Leather & Leather Products	247.38	230.02	228.84	39.9	38.4	37.7	6.20	5.99	6.07

TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1986-1988



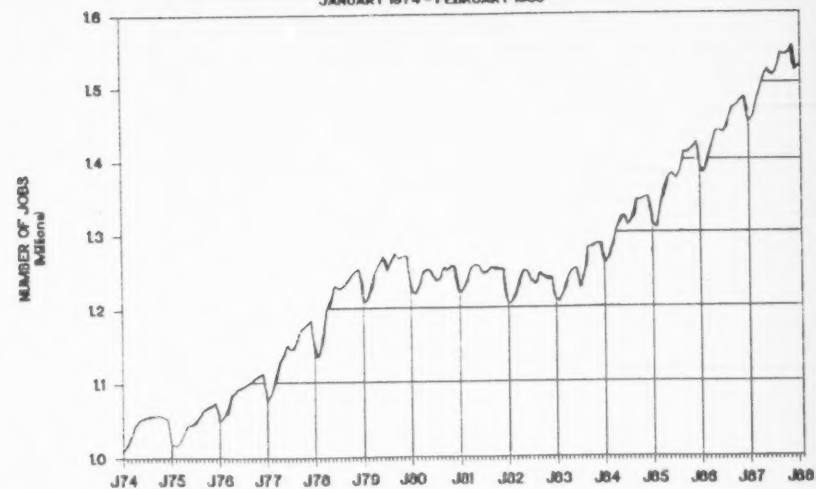
MANUFACTURING JOBS IN TENNESSEE

JANUARY 1974 - FEBRUARY 1988



NONMANUFACTURING JOBS IN TENNESSEE

JANUARY 1974 - FEBRUARY 1988



STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

STATE BENEFIT PROGRAM

	February 1987	January 1988	February 1988
CLAIMS			
Initial Claims	37,220	85,105	30,283
Continued Weeks Claimed	204,283	245,168	211,196
Nonmonetary Determinations	2,769	3,301	3,928
Appeals Decisions	1,079	1,056	1,030
Lower Authority	913	802	869
Higher Authority	166	254	161
Hearings-Other States	0	0	0
BENEFITS			
Amount Paid	\$15,937,437	\$19,223,859	\$19,585,546
Benefit Weeks Paid	181,223	192,551	189,729
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	\$ 93	\$ 104	\$ 103
First Payments	13,669	33,923	13,822
Final Payments	3,367	3,107	3,115
Average Weeks Duration	12	11	12
Trust Fund Balance	\$406,205,466	\$481,962,740	\$490,302,946

FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

	February 1987	January 1988	February 1988
FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES:			
Benefits Paid	\$596,035	\$660,687	\$715,480
Benefit Weeks Paid	3,458	3,849	4,091
Initial Claims	329	584	377
Continued Weeks Claimed	3,761	4,296	4,261
Appeals Decisions	10	11	19
FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL:			
Benefits Paid	\$194,985	\$187,316	\$205,457
Benefit Weeks Paid	1,520	1,392	1,483
Initial Claims	278	286	248
Continued Weeks Claimed	1,697	1,587	1,653
Appeals Decisions	7	8	7

CHATTANOOGA MSA

The Chattanooga MSA unemployment rate decreased from 6.1 percent to 5.6 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 1,900 jobs to 190,600. Manufacturing employment increased by 600 jobs, with the largest increase reported in textile mill products (+400). Nonmanufacturing employment

increased by 1,300 jobs with the largest increases reported in construction (+400), services (+300), and government (+400). Average hourly earnings of production workers decreased by nine cents from January 1987 to January 1988.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	February 1987	January 1988	February 1988	Net Change	
				Feb. 1987 Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
				to	to
TOTAL	185.3	186.7	190.6	5.3	1.9
Manufacturing	45.5	45.6	46.2	0.7	0.6
Durable Goods	17.1	17.1	17.2	0.1	0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.6	1.5	1.5	-0.1	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	3.7	3.9	3.9	0.2	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	3.5	3.4	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.4	2.1	2.1	-0.3	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	5.3	5.4	5.5	0.2	0.1
Nondurable Goods	28.4	28.5	29.0	0.6	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	7.0	6.7	6.7	-0.3	0.0
Textile Mill Products	12.1	12.6	13.0	0.9	0.4
Knitting Mills	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel Products	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	2.0	2.1	2.1	0.1	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.5	3.4	3.4	-0.1	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	0.8	0.9	-0.3	0.1
Nonmanufacturing	139.8	143.1	144.4	4.6	1.3
Mining	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Construction	7.4	8.0	8.4	1.0	0.4
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	8.6	8.3	8.3	-0.3	0.0
Trade	41.9	43.9	44.1	2.2	0.2
Wholesale Trade	10.6	11.2	11.2	0.6	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.5	6.7	6.8	0.3	0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.5	4.4	0.3	-0.1
Retail Trade	31.2	32.7	32.9	1.7	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	11.7	11.7	11.7	0.0	0.0
Services	36.3	36.7	37.0	0.7	0.3
Government	33.2	33.8	34.2	1.0	0.4
Federal	8.6	9.3	9.6	1.0	0.3
State & Local	24.7	24.5	24.6	-0.1	0.1
State	5.8	5.6	5.7	-0.1	0.1
Local	18.8	18.9	18.9	0.1	0.0

* Includes Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie counties in Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, and Walker counties in Georgia.

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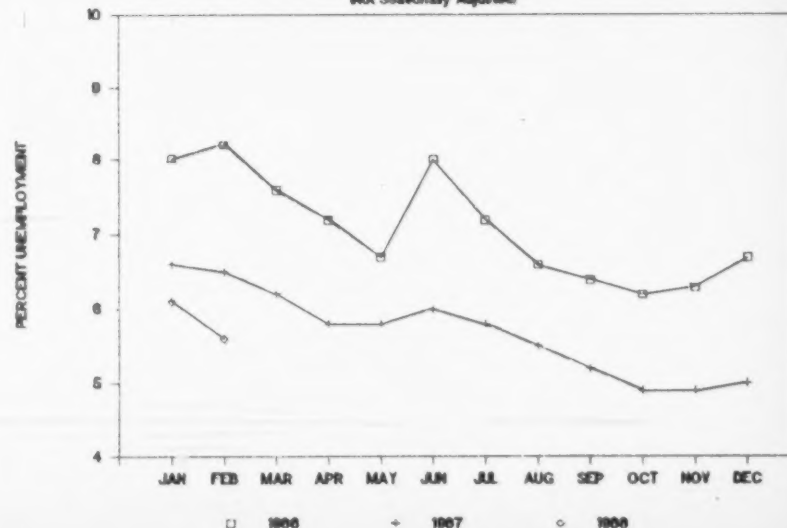
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

CHATTANOOGA MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
All Manufacturing	333.56	339.04	332.05	42.6	43.3	42.9	7.83	7.83	7.74
Durable Goods	378.45	356.99	354.80	43.4	41.9	41.4	8.72	8.52	8.57
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	395.57	343.38	359.88	44.9	38.8	40.3	8.81	8.85	8.93
Iron & Steel Foundries	435.24	426.44	424.94	46.8	44.7	45.4	9.30	9.54	9.36
Fabricated Metal Products	462.50	442.38	461.57	50.0	43.8	45.7	9.65	10.10	10.10
Machinery, Except Elect.	440.96	464.98	488.38	42.4	49.1	51.9	10.40	9.47	9.41
Nondurable Goods	307.64	328.85	319.30	42.2	44.2	43.8	7.29	7.44	7.29
Textile Mill Products	285.75	302.72	299.73	45.0	47.3	47.5	6.35	6.40	6.31
Knitting Mills	230.36	236.74	228.10	40.7	41.1	40.3	5.66	5.76	5.66
Paper & Allied Products	405.04	518.63	483.49	43.6	47.8	46.4	9.29	10.85	10.42
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	410.61	457.67	448.14	38.7	40.9	40.3	10.61	11.19	11.12

CHATTANOOGA MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Not Seasonally Adjusted



JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND BRISTOL MSA

The Tri-Cities MSA unemployment rate decreased from 7.0 percent to 6.7 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 2,300 jobs to 163,200. Manufacturing employment increased by 200 jobs with the largest increase reported in machinery including transportation equipment (+200). Nonmanufacturing

employment increased by 2,100 jobs with the largest increases reported in services (+1,500), government (+600), and construction (+400) due to seasonal factors. Average hourly earning of production workers increased by seven cents from January 1987 to January 1988.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	February 1987	January 1988	February 1988	Net Change	
				Feb. 1987 to Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988 to Feb. 1988
TOTAL	166.0	163.9	163.2	-2.8	-0.7
Manufacturing	81.1	81.6	81.8	0.7	0.2
Durable Goods	5.5	5.2	5.3	-0.3	0.1
Consumer & Vendor Products and Furniture & Fixtures	3.0	2.8	2.8	-0.2	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.6	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Machinery and Trans. Equip.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Non-durable Goods	15.5	15.3	15.5	0.0	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Textile Mills Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Apparel Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products and Printing, Publishing, & Other Indus.	5.3	5.2	5.2	-0.1	0.0
All Other Non-durable Goods	18.2	18.1	18.2	0.0	0.1
Nonmanufacturing	84.9	82.3	81.4	-2.6	-0.9
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.4	2.3	2.3	-0.1	0.0
Trans., Communications, & Utilities	3.8	3.7	3.7	-0.1	0.0
Trade	14.2	14.0	13.7	-0.5	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	6.5	6.3	6.3	-0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	17.7	17.7	17.4	0.0	-0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.0	2.9	2.9	-0.1	0.0
Services	17.5	16.8	16.1	-1.4	-0.7
Government	24.1	23.6	23.6	-0.5	0.0
Federal	8.0	7.9	7.9	-0.1	0.0
State & Local	16.1	15.7	15.7	-0.4	0.0
Unemp.	12.6	12.8	12.2	0.2	-0.6

* Includes Washington, Carter, DeKalb, Sullivan, and Hawkins counties in Tennessee and Washington County, Scott County, and Bristol Hills in Virginia.

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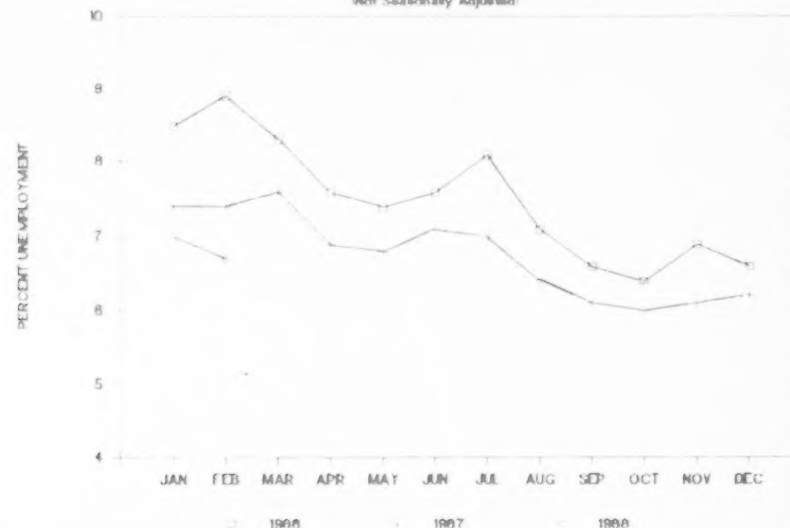
WORKS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

TRI-CITIES MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
All Manufacturing	412.33	414.42	402.26	44.7	43.9	43.3	9.22	9.44	9.29
Durable Goods	401.85	428.82	394.94	47.4	48.4	48.3	8.52	8.86	8.53
Fabricated Metal Prod.	471.84	520.26	475.61	45.5	46.0	44.7	10.37	11.31	10.64
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	432.86	512.96	443.48	50.1	50.8	50.8	8.64	9.16	8.73
Non-durable Goods	416.99	404.67	405.96	42.9	41.0	41.3	9.72	9.87	9.83
Food & Kindred Products	329.00	330.56	315.62	38.3	39.3	38.7	8.59	8.42	8.60
Apparel Products	202.00	176.26	179.16	35.1	32.4	33.4	5.14	5.44	5.37

TRI-CITIES MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



KNOXVILLE MSA

The Knoxville MSA unemployment rate decreased from 7.0 percent to 6.6 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased slightly by 200 jobs to 245,700. Manufacturing employment remained stable while nonmanufacturing employment increased slightly by 200

jobs. The largest increase was reported in government (+500) which was offset by a decrease in services (-300). Average hourly earnings of production workers decreased by one cent from January 1987 to January 1988.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	February 1987	January 1988	February 1988	Net Change	
				Feb. 1987 to Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988 to Feb. 1988
TOTAL	242.3	241.5	245.7	3.4	0.2
Manufacturing	50.8	50.6	50.6	-0.2	0.0
Durable Goods	19.8	19.1	19.2	-0.6	0.1
Lumber & wood Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	2.7	2.0	1.9	-0.4	-0.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.1	1.6	1.6	0.1	0.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.6	2.9	2.9	0.3	0.0
All other Durable Goods	21.5	20.7	20.9	-0.6	0.2
Non-durable Goods	21.0	21.5	21.4	-0.4	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	3.9	4.1	4.0	0.1	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	2.7	2.6	2.6	-0.1	0.0
All other Non-durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	191.5	190.9	195.1	3.6	0.2
Mining	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.0	0.1
Construction	11.7	10.4	10.6	-0.3	0.2
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	9.3	10.0	9.9	0.6	-0.1
Trade	58.3	61.1	61.2	2.0	0.0
Wholesale Trade	14.1	14.1	14.1	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.6	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Non-durable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	45.2	47.2	47.2	2.0	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	9.7	9.6	9.6	0.0	-0.2
Services	48.4	50.2	49.9	0.5	-0.3
Government	51.4	51.6	52.1	0.2	0.5
Federal	8.8	9.3	9.0	1.0	0.4
State & Local	42.6	42.3	43.1	-0.7	0.8
State	18.2	18.3	18.8	0.6	0.5
Local	24.4	24.0	24.3	-1.0	-0.1

* Includes Anderson, Blount, Brainerd, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier, and Union counties.

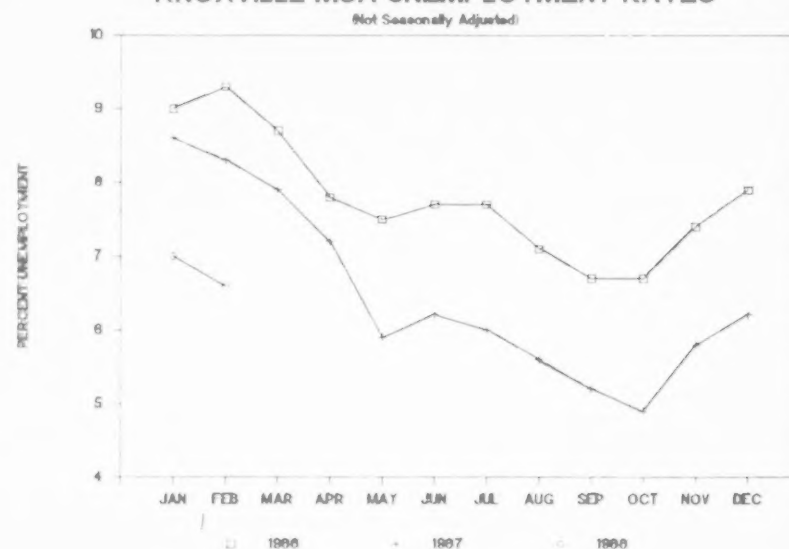
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HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

KNOXVILLE MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
All Manufacturing	361.38	385.22	368.24	39.6	42.1	40.6	9.08	9.15	9.07
Durable Goods	410.22	453.88	438.17	38.7	43.6	43.0	10.60	10.41	10.19
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	370.50	328.56	322.94	39.0	38.7	38.4	9.50	8.49	8.41
Machinery, Except Elect.	505.31	466.09	389.79	51.3	48.4	42.6	9.85	9.63	9.15
Non-durable Goods	296.23	296.68	274.90	41.2	40.2	37.3	7.19	7.38	7.37
Food & Kindred Products	317.11	316.83	309.20	43.8	41.2	40.0	7.24	7.69	7.73
Textile Mill Products	251.13	243.21	241.54	40.9	38.3	37.8	6.14	6.35	6.39
Apparel Products	264.47	275.25	231.66	40.5	40.3	35.1	6.53	6.83	6.60

KNOXVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



MEMPHIS MSA

The Memphis MSA unemployment rate decreased from 5.8 percent to 5.4 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 2,400 jobs to 430,000. Manufacturing employment increased by 600 jobs with largest increase reported in paper products (+200).

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,800 jobs with the largest increases reported in government (+1,100) and services (+500) due to seasonal factors. Average hourly earnings of production workers increased by 11 cents from January 1987 to January 1988.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	February 1987	January 1988	February 1988	Net Change	
				Feb. 1987 to Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988 to Feb. 1988
TOTAL	407.9	427.6	430.0	22.1	2.4
Manufacturing	51.0	51.6	52.2	1.2	0.6
Durable Goods	21.8	22.3	22.8	0.5	0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	2.6	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	1.8	1.9	1.9	0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	3.1	3.4	3.5	0.3	0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	3.5	4.0	4.0	0.5	0.0
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	2.4	2.8	2.8	0.4	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	6.2	5.9	6.0	-0.2	0.1
Nondurable Goods	29.2	29.3	29.6	0.4	0.3
Food & Kindred Products	7.9	8.2	8.3	0.3	0.0
Bakery Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Apparel Products	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	9.7	10.4	10.6	0.7	0.2
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	5.0	5.2	5.1	0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	6.6	6.6	6.4	0.0	-0.2
All Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	1.8	1.9	-0.1	0.1
Nonmanufacturing	356.9	376.0	377.8	20.9	1.8
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	18.0	19.9	19.9	1.9	0.0
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	37.7	39.6	39.8	2.1	0.2
Trade	112.2	119.3	119.3	7.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	35.1	37.6	37.6	2.5	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	22.2	22.8	22.8	0.6	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	13.0	14.8	14.8	1.8	0.0
Retail Trade	76.9	86.7	86.7	10.8	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	23.1	25.0	25.0	1.9	0.0
Services	94.4	98.7	99.3	4.9	0.6
Government	10.8	12.4	12.5	1.7	0.1
Federal	18.5	18.3	18.5	0.0	0.2
State & Local	52.3	55.1	56.0	3.7	0.9
State	13.8	13.5	14.1	0.3	0.6
Local	38.5	41.6	41.9	3.4	0.3

* Includes Shelby and Tipton counties in Tennessee and Crittendon County in Arkansas.

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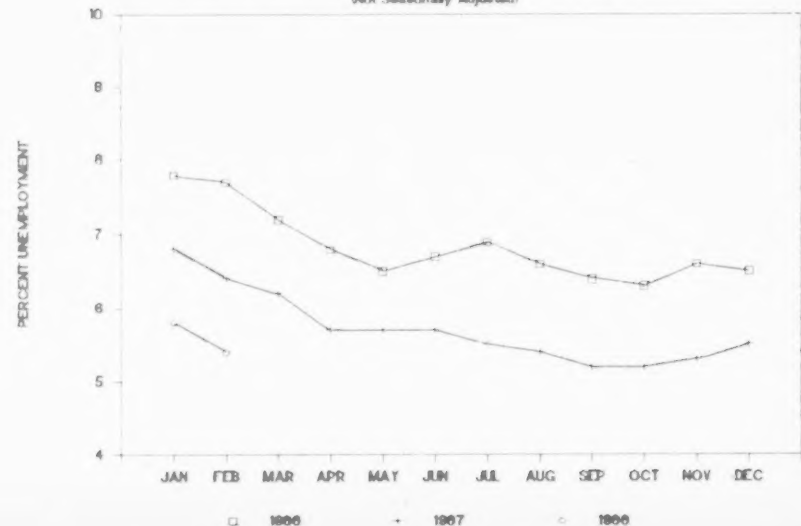
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

MEMPHIS MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
All Manufacturing	378.85	398.18	360.45	43.1	43.0	40.5	8.79	9.26	8.90
Durable Goods	332.83	328.28	293.40	41.3	39.6	36.0	8.07	8.29	8.15
Lumber & Wood Products	234.43	216.78	213.36	44.4	37.7	38.1	5.28	5.75	5.60
Furniture & Fixtures	190.19	183.86	158.70	41.8	32.6	35.0	4.55	5.64	5.29
Nondurable Goods	423.78	468.18	428.90	44.7	46.4	45.1	9.48	10.09	9.51
Food & Kindred Products	330.17	490.05	474.39	39.4	49.6	50.2	8.38	9.80	9.45
Paper & Allied Products	567.90	581.23	538.25	55.8	52.5	49.7	10.24	11.09	10.83
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	627.74	580.80	537.31	55.7	48.4	46.7	11.27	12.00	11.63

MEMPHIS MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



NASHVILLE MSA

The Nashville MSA unemployment rate decreased from 5.0 percent to 4.9 percent. Total nonagricultural employment decreased slightly by 100 jobs to 461,000. Manufacturing employment decreased by 400 jobs with the largest decrease reported in transportation equipment (-500). This was offset some by an increase reported in printing and publishing (+200).

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	February 1987	January 1988	February 1988	Net Change	
				Feb. 1987 to Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988 to Feb. 1988
TOTAL	467.0	461.1	461.0	-6.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	89.3	87.6	87.2	-2.1	-0.4
Durable Goods	50.7	49.0	48.6	-2.1	-0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	4.1	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	7.7	7.9	8.0	0.3	0.1
Machinery	14.2	15.0	15.0	0.7	0.0
Transportation Equipment	14.4	11.0	10.5	-3.9	-0.5
All Other Durable Goods	7.9	8.1	8.1	0.2	0.0
Nondurable Goods	38.6	38.6	38.6	0.0	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	3.3	3.0	3.0	-0.3	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.8	1.6	1.6	-0.2	0.0
Apparel Products	3.9	3.6	3.5	-0.4	-0.1
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	13.2	13.6	13.8	0.4	0.2
Petroleum and Rubber	4.8	5.1	5.1	0.3	0.0
Leather & Leather Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.8	3.7	-0.2	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	377.7	373.5	373.8	-4.2	0.3
Mining	0.6	0.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	26.0	25.6	25.9	-0.4	0.3
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	23.1	24.1	24.1	1.0	0.0
Trade	113.2	113.9	113.4	0.2	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	30.1	30.6	30.9	0.8	0.3
Wholesale Durable Goods	18.5	18.5	18.6	0.1	0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	11.7	12.1	12.3	0.6	0.2
Retail Trade	83.1	83.3	81.5	-1.6	-1.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	32.8	33.2	33.6	0.8	0.4
Services & Miscellaneous	114.0	108.8	109.8	-4.2	1.0
Government	67.0	67.3	67.7	0.7	0.4
Federal	10.0	10.6	10.6	0.6	0.0
State & Local	57.1	56.7	57.1	-0.4	0.4
State	24.0	22.9	23.2	-0.8	0.3
Local	33.1	33.7	33.9	0.8	0.2

*Includes Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties.

*Data include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 15th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 300 jobs with the largest increases reported in services (+1,000), government (+400) and construction (+300). This was offset by a decrease of 1,500 jobs in trade. Average hourly earnings of production workers increased by 28 cents from January 1987 to January 1988.

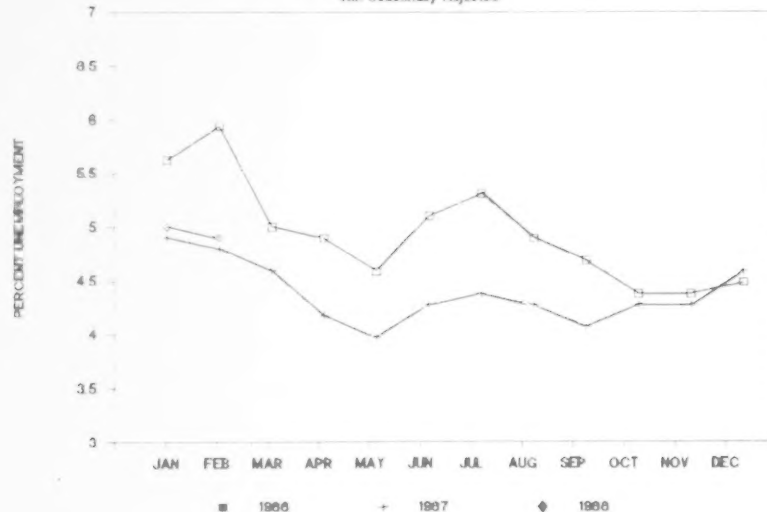
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

NASHVILLE MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
All Manufacturing	428.57	434.10	405.67	42.9	41.7	39.5	9.99	10.41	10.27
Durable Goods	459.67	455.94	421.30	42.4	41.6	39.3	10.84	10.96	10.72
Nondurable Goods	379.75	400.86	381.68	43.7	41.8	39.8	8.69	9.59	9.59
Food & Kindred Products	381.35	435.11	415.11	40.1	42.7	41.7	9.51	10.19	10.10
Printing & Publishing	423.74	404.94	408.35	41.1	39.2	39.8	10.31	10.33	10.26

NASHVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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(1982=100)

Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers			Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	UNITED STATES	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1988 from		UNITED STATES	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1988 from			All ITEMS	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1988 from		All ITEMS	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1988 from	
		Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988		Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988			Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988		Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988
All items (1982=100).....	116.8	3.9	0.3	114.7	3.8	0.2	500th (1982=100).....	114.4	3.1	0.3	113.8	3.4	0.2
All items (1967=100).....	347.4	-	-	341.6	-	-	Less than 50,000 pop.....	112.7	3.2	-0.1	113.4	3.2	-0.1
Food and beverages.....	115.8	2.9	0.1	115.5	2.8	0.1	50,000 - 450,000 pop.....	113.4	2.8	0.1	113.8	2.9	0.2
Food.....	115.7	2.8	0	115.4	2.8	0	450,000 - 1,200,000 pop...	115.1	3.4	0.1	113.0	3.2	0.1
Food at home.....	113.9	2.4	-0.2	113.5	2.3	-0.2	1,200,000 or more pop.....	115.2	3.6	0.1	114.4	3.7	0.3
Food away from home.....	119.7	3.6	0.3	119.6	3.5	0.4	500th (Dec. 1927=100)....	185.5	-	-	184.2	-	-
Alcoholic beverages.....	116.2	3.5	0.9	116.6	3.4	0.9	Less than 50,000 pop.....	182.9	-	-	181.6	-	-
Housing.....	116.6	3.3	0.3	115.8	3.4	0.8	50,000 - 450,000 pop.....	183.6	-	-	184.2	-	-
Shelter.....	125.9	5.0	0.3	122.4	5.0	0.4	450,000 - 1,200,000 pop...	182.8	-	-	183.1	-	-
Renters' costs [1].....	131.3	4.4	0.4	117.3	4.1	-0.3	1,200,000 or more pop.....	186.0	-	-	185.4	-	-
Rent, residential.....	126.3	3.8	-0.2	118.1	3.8	0.3							
Apparel and accessories.....	110.2	3.8	-0.2	110.9	3.4	-0.3							
Transportation.....	106.8	3.4	-0.3	106.4	3.6	-0.4							
Medical care.....	115.5	4.4	0.8	115.8	4.7	0.9							
Entertainment.....	114.3	4.3	0.2	113.6	4.1	0.2							
Other goods & services.....	114.2	4.4	0.6	113.6	4.3	0.2							
Purchasing power of the dollar (1982=100).....	1.068	0.7	-0.2	1.072	3.6	0.3							

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